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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows.

- 1. (Currently Amended) A ventilation device comprising:
 - a fan capable of being driven rotationally by an open electric motor which is firmly attached to a support intended for fixing said ventilation device, the fan consisting of a plurality of blades which are distributed regularly around a bowl inside which there are arranged internal ribs capable of ventilating said open electric motor,
 - wherein the support comprises a central part which is connected in a substantially sealed manner to at least one peripheral portion of the open electric motor, the central part of the support comprising a hole configured to receive, at least partially, said motor, [[and]]

wherein said central part of the support is configured to hold said motor,

wherein the hole comprises a through hole, the cross-section of which is substantially complementary to that of the open electric motor, said through hole configured to receive said open electric motor,

wherein the through hole is delimited by an inner edge, and

wherein the inner edge is in continuous contiguous contact with a lateral wall of the open electric motor.

2. - 8. (Cancelled)

- 9. (Previously Presented) A ventilation device according to Claim 1, wherein the central part of the support is capable of holding the electric motor by clipping.
- 10. (Previously Presented) A ventilation device according to Claim 1, wherein the central part of the support is capable of holding the electric motor by tight fitting.
- 11. (Previously Presented) A ventilation device according to Claim 1, wherein the central part comprises an active surface, which is positioned opposite the bottom of the bowl and which has a concave shape capable of facilitating the flow of the air from the inside to the outside of said bowl.

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12. (Previously Presented) A ventilation device according to Claim 11, wherein the active surface of the central part has a cross-section in the shape of a quarter of a circle whose two ends extend respectively substantially axially at the inner edge of the central part, and substantially transversally at the outer edge of said central part.

- 13. (Previously Presented) A ventilation device according to Claim 1, wherein the central part comprises a so-called active surface, which is positioned opposite the bottom of the bowl and which has a substantially flat shape extending substantially linearly.
- 14. (Previously Presented) A ventilation device according to Claim 1, wherein the central part comprises an active surface, which is positioned opposite the bottom of the bowl.
- 15. (Previously Presented) A ventilation device according to Claim 1, wherein the central part has an annular shape, the outer edge of which extends substantially opposite that of the bowl, and the inner edge of which delimits a hole of circular cross-section.
- 16. (Previously Presented) A ventilation device according to Claim 1, wherein the support also comprises a peripheral part, forming a frame, which is connected to the central part by at least one support arm.
- 17. (Previously Presented) An engine cooling device, wherein the engine cooling device comprises at least one ventilation device according to Claim 1.
- 18. (Previously Presented) A motor vehicle, wherein the motor vehicle comprises at least one ventilation device according to Claim 1.

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